

accommodating I am trying to be in the posterior portions of the evening. Members of the Legislature, there is much in this law that we are dealing with that I would like to change. Some of it has not been touched by the committee amendments. What I have dealt with so far is based on the contents of the committee amendments, and they will become the bill. And when these committee amendments are adopted, I will be of the mind that a terrible inappropriate action will have been taken by the Legislature. I feel an obligation to do everything I can to prevent this from taking place. We have 60 days, we can deal with 60 bills, and I kind of like the idea of staying here past four o'clock. And I am going to like it even better when it becomes necessary for us to work through the noonhour because I don't eat a lot anyway, and I think the health of some of my colleagues, Senator Klein, you are responsible for this, may be improved somewhat if they eat just a little less. So I'm going to be in a little different mode as we proceed with this bill, not commodious. This is terrible. What is lacking on this floor is any other person besides myself who is aware of how serious the matter is with which we are dealing. The fact that the drafting has been what it is shows really a lack of awareness of how serious this whole thing is. The unwillingness of Americans, in general, to accept the fact that racism is as virulent as it ever was, and in my opinion, even more so than it has been in recent years prior to 1996. Yet when we have before us a bill purporting to address this subject, nothing of substance is being done to better attack that problem, but what is being done is to weaken further the possibility of doing anything. If the Governor, over in that room, were Kay Orr, there would be others on this floor saying different things from what they are saying now. I've watched it down through the years and the very same thing that is said against one Governor by those whose Governor is not in power will be said by the other group when their Governor is not in power. That's why I don't pay attention to anybody in here or take anybody seriously. Democrats condemn a "Repelican" Governor to hell. Then "Repelicans" condemn a Democratic Governor to the same place and they both use exactly the same words about their foe on the same issues. So if Governor Orr had brought an issue, the "Repelicans" would flock to it and the Democrats would excoriate it. Democrat...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.